

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Valdosta Campus
Connell Boardroom
12 PM

ATTENDANCE
MEMBERS PRESENT: Rebecca Corbett, (virtually), Dr. Rodney Green, Sue Lane Hughes, (virtually), Amanda Ramshead, Matt Seale, Bradfield Shealy, Dr. Mark Sutton, (telephone), Alfalene Walker, (virtually), Dr. Joi Williams, (virtually)
MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Brownlee, Phaydra Crews, Lisa Sumner
SENIOR STAFF PRESENT: DeAnnia Clements, April McDuffie, Michael Williams, David Vanlandingham, Elizabeth Vickers, Shannon McConico, Keren Wynn, Kelly Peacock Ken Strickland, Susan Jones
SENIOR STAFF NOT PRESENT: Tim Allmond, Casey Thompson, Shalonda Sanders, Brandy Wilkes, Mona MacKenzie

DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Bradfield Shealy.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and a blessing for the meal was given by Ronnie Dean.

The minutes from the December 6, 2023, meeting were submitted to the board. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Bradfield Shealy and properly seconded by Matt Seale. There being no opposition to the motion, the motion to accept the meeting minutes carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS (DeAnnia Clements)

Academic and Enrollment Highlights:

December graduation was a great success.

First time having a photographer as graduates exited went very smoothly.

December SACS Conference provided opportunity to review standards prior to Wiregrass' review.

Commended David Vanlandingham for his excellent work in preparing for SACS review.

Recent Events/Announcements:

Adult Education Student and Instructor of the Year named, Adrienne Young.

GOAL winner named, Madison Garcia.

State Board in December highlights included Governor Kemp giving a \$1000 retention bonus to all state employees.

New state board member Charlie Fiveash toured Wiregrass' Valdosta Campus over the holiday break.

Outstanding Alumni named, Glenn Gregory. This was the first time doing so and it will continue to be an annual determination.

Upcoming legislative event, Eggs & Issues, January 9, to be attended by multiple Wiregrass leadership staff.

Chamber of Commerce annual banquets and awards upcoming in January and February, to be attended by Wiregrass leadership staff.

Departmental Updates

Administrative Services Update (Keren Wynn)

Report represents 42% of fiscal year spending.

Revenue is at \$21,338, 953 and remaining balance is \$27,958,058.

Expenses total \$13,919,705 with a remaining balance of \$30,544, 019.

On-track to meet all budgetary obligations.

Enrollment Management Update (Shannon McConico)

Data presented does not include summer enrollment.

Wiregrass enrollment is expected to exceed all goals.

Unduplicated enrollment is at 3792, reflecting a drop of 1.3% from last Spring.

Highest five programs include Cosmetology, Early College Essentials, Nursing Technician,

Occupational Studies, and Advanced Patient Care Assisting.

Lowest five programs include Fire Science Technology Diploma, Automotive Fundamentals

Diploma, Industry 4.0 Technology Degree, Social Media Specialist, Web Application Developer

Adult Education Update (Kelly Peacock)

Eagle award recipient named, Brenda Hooper, student in the Valdosta campus.

Total students enrolled is 541.

HSE FY24 student count is 135.

Measurable skills gain completion rate is 34.38%.

Total FY24 HSE graduates is 68.

Foundation Update (Elizabeth Vickers)

Rescheduled some events due to the death of Sydney Morris.

Upcoming fundraising event, Corks & Forks, scheduled for March 14, 2024 will feature live music, six local chefs, wine pairings, and a silent auction.

Fundraising letters went out to legacy donors thanking them for their continued support.

Economic Development Update (Michael Williams) Information Only

Cohort currently at 13, 660.

Department of Corrections continues to comprise bulk of participants.

SAFT and Nutrien contracts are in effect.

Proposing additional safety training for local industry.

YTD, Economic Development is at 61% of goals.

Total of 63 companies served, which is 61% of yearly goal.

New Business:

Chairman Comments:

Next meeting: Ben-Hill Irwin campus, Charles Harris Learning Center, February 7, 2024.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:36 pm was given by Dr. Rodney Green and was properly seconded by Ronnie Dean. All in agreement, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Jones.